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For: MAINTENANCE CARTRIDGE AND INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS USING  
THE SAME

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office.

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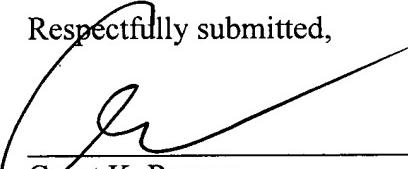
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